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EXHIBIT: # VI.A.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Stephen L. Bowen, Commissioner*

DATE: May 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Composition of Committee to Review the Application for Additional Degree-Granting Authorization as Submitted by the University of New England to Award the Doctor of Practical Nursing (DPN) Degree.

BACKGROUND: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that a postsecondary educational institution desiring to confer additional degrees must obtain authorization from the Maine State Board of Education.

Officials of the University of New England, located in Biddeford, Maine, have submitted an application seeking authority to confer an additional degree, the Doctor of Practical Nursing (DNP). A program approval visit with University of New England officials is scheduled for May 12, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approve the individuals presented to serve as members of the Review Team to assist in the processing of the request from the University of New England to confer the additional degree of Doctor of Practical Nursing (DNP).

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Proposed Review Team Membership

The University of New England has requested the review and approval of its application for additional degree-granting authorization. The following, for Board approval, is the proposed list of Maine reviewers to serve on the Review Team:

Dr. Charles Lyons, Chair
President
York County Community College
Wells, Maine

Dr. Barbara Higgins, Dean
School of Health and Education
Husson University
Bangor, Maine

Dr. Krista Meinersmann
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